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President's Message

"If we don't remember, who will?"



With the New Year, I am happy to report that the attorney who is handling our reorganization has filed all of the necessary documentation for our 501(c)3 to change our IRS approved authorization. It has been triggered by the decline of our World War II veteran membership and an increase in the veteran descendant membership. The new bylaws for the organization's conversion to a 501(c)3 nonprofit have been completed and approved. They are published beginning on page 8.

I am pleased to announce that our Vietnam veteran memberships continue to grow. We are working to improve our internet presence with our own website and Facebook page.

Our Reunion Committee, Jane Mitchell and Theda Ray, has been hard at work. I am excited about returning to Pittsburgh for our 74th Reunion and perhaps attending the Pirates baseball game. The hotel is such a great venue for our group. I was pleasantly surprised during my last visit in 2012 with the renovation and revitalization of the "Steel City" metropolitan area. While there, I hope to travel to Fort Bragg to explore the venue options for our 75th Reunion. That is where the 9th Infantry Division was located before WWII, and it seems appropriate we head back there for our Diamond Jubilee in 2020.

In October I traveled to Germany for the Huertgen Forest Battle Tour. On page 6 there is a short article of the tour and information for the 2019 tour. While there, I learned some disturbing news about WWII monuments on German soil. There is a segment of the population that is starting to object to these military monuments because of the negative implication of the past "evil Nazi" movement. In Schmidt (near the Huertgen Forest), there is a proposal to remove the joint German-American memorial. Even though the monument promotes international cooperation between our nations, it is also tribute to all soldiers lost in the battle which I feel is most appropriate. Hopefully, this attitude does not impact our plaque at the Ludendorff bridgehead in Remagen and other sites. We will continue to monitor this situation with Albert Trostorf's group.

Best wishes for the New Year! I look forward to seeing all of you in Pittsburgh in August.

Sincerely,

Terry Barnhart, President
Ninth Infantry Division Association



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4th Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association In Beautiful Downtown Pittsburgh



Did you know Pittsburgh has more bridges than Venice? Whether or not you have been to Pittsburgh before, you owe it to yourself to attend the 74th Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh is a vibrant city with lots of fun things to do.

Our event will be held at the Sheraton Station Square on the bank of the Monongahela River. Our dinner cruise on Saturday evening will take us on all three rivers in Pittsburgh, the Allegheny, the Monongahela and the Ohio and through beautiful downtown Pittsburgh. Many of you expressed an interest in attending a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game, and fortunately, they have a home stand that weekend! You may want to ride the incline up to Mt. Washington for some of Pittsburgh's finest views. For those of us who are 65+, you can ride the incline and "the T" (our subway) free of charge by showing your Medicare card. And of course, we will be having our traditional memorial service on Saturday morning and banquet at the hotel on Sunday evening.

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OUR MISSION

This Association was formed by the officers and men of the 9th Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the *esprit de corps* of the Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau about the 9th Infantry Division.

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September 20 for the October publication

Effective July 1, 2018, the annual fee for membership, which includes The Octofoil, is thirty five dollars (\$35.00) and must be sent to the Membership Chairperson by check or money order made payable to:

The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Send payment to: **Clare Irwin**
Membership Chairperson

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On October 21, 2018, a few members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association gathered in Worcester MA for the 74th annual Memorial Mass and wreath laying ceremony at the Immaculate Conception Parish. It was a beautiful sunny, windy New England day.

After the mass, Father Riley held a short service at the Memorial for the 9th Division. Boy Scout Troop 84, which meets at the Parish, retired the flag.

Following the service, the group went to Connor's coffee shop in the basement for a light breakfast and coffee.



TIP OF THE HAT

We thank the following members and friends for remembering the Memorial Fund and our buddies who have answered their last Roll Call.

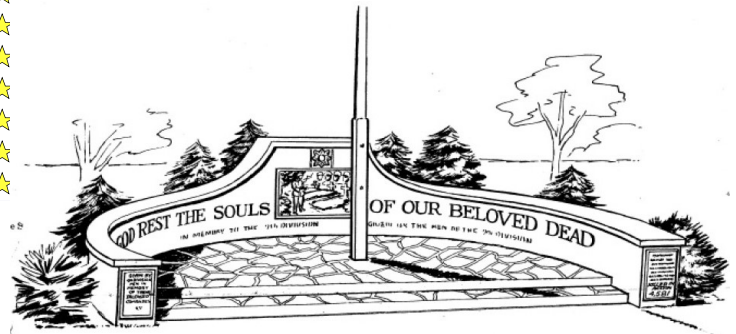
Linda and Robert Jorden in memory of Only Rishel

Judy Rishel in memory of Robert DeSandy

If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to:

The Ninth Infantry Division Association

Please note in the memo section of the check "Tip of the Hat" and mail to:



Friends of Father Connors Fund

The Friends of Father Connors Fund would like to thank the following new donor for her generous contribution:

Gail Eisenhauer

The current balance in the FFCF is \$1,969.95. Continued contributions for maintenance and lighting expenses would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate please make your check payable to: **The Ninth Infantry Division Association.** Please note in the memo section of the check "FFCF" and send to :

Mary Cooper,

For those who would like to extend their stay, on Monday after breakfast, we will be traveling by van to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Registration for the reunion is \$325 per person, which includes all events, other than the optional ones. A \$100 per person deposit will be required by April 1, with the remainder due by June 15. For our 9th Division combat veterans a fund has been established to offset the cost of your registration. If you would like to avail yourself of this fund, please contact Terry Barnhart [REDACTED]

Hotel room rates are \$139 per night, and hotel reservations must be made before July 11 to get the discounted room rate.

We do hope to see you in Pittsburgh. We promise you will have a memorable time!

Registration Form
74th Annual Ninth Infantry Division Association Reunion
Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square
300 W Station Square Drive
Pittsburgh, PA
August 2 – 5, 2019

Name: _____ Number in Party _____

The following names and contact information will be printed in the Reunion Program.

Name	Address	Telephone Number	E-Mail Address

Banquet meal choice: _____ Roasted New York strip loin with mushrooms, bourbon demi-glaze

_____ Chicken Costa Del Sol (Sautéed boneless breast of chicken
completed with a rich lemon, garlic and oregano sauce)

_____ Vegetarian

Please indicate your interest in the Pirates v Mets game on Sunday afternoon. _____

Please indicate your interest in the Flight 93 Memorial on Monday. _____

Make checks payable to Ninth Infantry Division Association (write 2019 Reunion on memo line).
\$100 per person deposit is due by April 1, balance of \$225 per person by June 1, 2019.

Please submit this registration form and \$100 per person deposit to:
Theda Ray, [REDACTED]

To make your room reservations at the discounted rate of \$139, please go to the following link:
[Book your group rate for Ninth Infantry Division Association 2019 Reunion](#)
If you would like me to send the link to you electronically, send an email to [REDACTED]

You can also make reservations by calling the Sheraton at:
800-325-3535 and request the Ninth Infantry Division room block.



TAPS SOUNDED

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat the soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade shall meet that brave and fallen few.
On Fame's eternal camping—ground their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round, the bivouac of the dead.

Bivouac of the Dead by Theodore O'Hare - 1847

9th Infantry Division Medal of Honor Recipients World War II

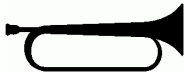
S/Sgt. Herschel F. Briles, Co. C, 899th TD Bn; Near Scherpenseel, Germany; 20 November 1944
2nd Lieutenant John E. Butts*, Co. E, 60th Infantry; Normandy, France; 14, 16, 23 June 1944
T/Sgt. Peter J. Dalessandro, Co. E, 39th Infantry; Near Kalterherberg, Germany; 22 December 1944
Sgt. William J. Nelson*, Co. H, 60th Infantry; Djegel Dardys, NW of Sedjenane, Tunisia; 24 April 1943
PFC Carl V. Sheridan*, Co. K, 47th Infantry; Frenzerberg Castle, Germany; 26 November 1944
Captain Matt L. Urban, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Renouf, France; 14 June to 3 September, 1944
* Posthumous award

Source: U.S. Army Center of Military History

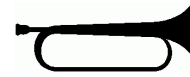
Vietnam War

SGT Sammy L. Davis, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 4th Artillery; West of Cai Lay; 18 November 1967
SP4 Edward A. Devore, Jr.*, Company B, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry; Near Saigon; 17 March 1968
PFC James W. Fous*, Company E, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry; Kien Hoa Province; 14 May 1968
SSG Don J. Jenkins, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry; Kien Phong Province; 6 January 1969
SGT Leonard B. Keller, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Ap Bac Zone; 2 May 1967
SP4 Thomas J. Kinsman, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Near Vinh Long; 6 February 1968
SP4 George C. Lang, Company A, 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry; Kien Hoa Province; 22 February 1969
PFC David P. Nash*, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry; Giau Duc District; 29 December 1968
SP5 Clarence E. Sasser, Headquarters Co., 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Ding Tuong Province; 10 January 1968
SP4 Raymond R. Wright, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry; Ap Bac Zone; 2 May 1967
* Posthumous award

*Sources: A Short History of the 9th Infantry Division and
www.homeofheroes.com*

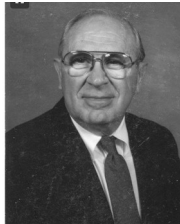


Robert DeSandy
F Co. 47th Inf. Regt.



TAPS OBITUARIES

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Robert DeSandy
1925-2018
F Company, 47th Infantry Regiment

Robert (Bob) DeSandy, 93, of Aberdeen, NC died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018. Bob was born Aug. 2, 1925, in Detroit, MI, to Joseph and Frances DeSandy. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Gil DeSandy, and his wife, Sally.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at The Village Chapel in Pinehurst.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Florence DeSandy; daughter, Nancy Larson and husband, David, of Chattanooga, TN; three grandchildren, Sara Buscaglia (Tommy), Brooke Larson (Shaun) and Carin Correy (Clark); eight great-grandchildren; a nephew, Greg (Sue); and niece, Jill.

Bob retired from Mutual of Detroit Insurance Company in Plymouth, MI, after 40 years of service, retiring as vice president.

He was a World War II veteran and served in the 9th Infantry Division, 47th Regiment European Theater. He served as national president of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge and Golf Club, the Kiwanis Club of the Pines, the Sandhills Garden Society and the American Legion, all of which he had been very active in. He was a volunteer for many organizations and golf tournaments.

Memorial donations may be made to The Village Chapel, Samaritan's Purse or a charity of your choice.

Burial will be at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery, with full military honors.
Online condolences may be left at www.bolesfuneralhome.com.





Pen to Paper - Letters to Loved Ones



From Clarence Ray to his family October 16, 1943 from "On maneuvers somewhere in Louisiana" written on stationery from Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi.

Hi everybody, I reckon you all thought I've been eaten up by one of these gosh darn alligators down here in the Louisiana swamps. But that's not the case. The Army has kept me going pretty strong since I wrote the last time, so I hope you'll excuse me and blame Uncle Sam for not writing sooner. I hope this finds you all in the best of health. I'm pretty good again. I had another cold, but I shook it off in a hurry. I had it in the eyes, and I cried for one whole day. I seem to be able to get rid of a cold in a hurry, and I don't do any thing for it. I'm getting rugged.

On this exercise, we hiked 50 miles in 49 hours and dug in positions twice. As Junior would put it "my dogs sure were barking." This battalion got special praise from the commanding general of the division for hiking 50 miles in 49 hours and going right into an attack and were 400 yards ahead of any other unit when the exercise ended. He said it set a record for these maneuvers. This was done under adverse weather conditions too. About the 30-mile mark it started to pour the rain down with a darn cold wind. Everyone and everything was soaked completely. I think that's what induced my cold. The general says we're plenty rugged. My feet were so darn tired and sore that every time I set a foot down I wanted to cry "ouch". That was the roughest thing I've ever gone through since it rained. The nights have been mostly darned cold. I nearly froze a couple of nights. Well, I guess that's enough griping for one letter.

I received the cute card from you, Helen. It's clear the Rays are sure doing it right with all these committees. Yes, I still prefer Louisiana to Mississippi. It's more interesting country. I write letters mostly from my time off, what little we get. I still have my watch in my barracks bag. There's nothing I need right now. Thank you.

Mom and Dad, I got the box of stuff you sent just when the last exercise started. I put it in my pack and then ate it when I got hungry, when chow was late. It really came in handy. Thanks a lot. I really appreciated it. Yes, I think I got all of your letters right here in front of me. I have letters written the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Dad, if I can find a nice jar, I'll catch some of this rain and send it to you. It may help a little. You talked about the corn picking. Didn't you cut all the corn? You know better, Pete, than to ask if I get tired of your family. I'm just like Jesus in that respect. I love them all. I wrote to your hubby the last break, but want to write to him again today. I have things to tell him. This division was under strength for the last exercise. A bunch have been transferred to another front. This time they will be playing for keeps instead of just a mock war. I lost two out of my squad. About 40 went out of this company and a similar amount out of the other units. There were no non-comms who went, all privates. Yes, they were sent to a port of debarkation last week, and no one knew in advance that they were going either. Now, I don't want you to worry any or become over anxious, but I just want to tell you what might happen. It's rumored more are going soon, including non-comms. Hope it's true. They say this is a ready outfit. But it isn't going over as a unit. It looks as if the whole division will be split up into replacements. Probably a small number of non-comms will be left behind to start a brand new 99th. There's nothing official on that. It's rumored by the Colonel and my own conclusions. Don't know how long maneuvers will last. Well, that's about all I can think of for now for this time, so I'll close. Haven't heard from Wayne for quite some time.

Love to each and all,
Clarence

P. S. Please don't worry about my future, at least till the time comes.

Treasurer Report

Balance in all sub-accounts as of December 1, 2018

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General	\$17,866.53
Octofail	8,911.03
Library Project	587.29
Memorial Fund (TOH)	7,389.00
F.F.C.F.	1,969.95
Reunion Insurance Fund	5,000.00
2013 Reunion	0.00
2014 Reunion	0.00
2015 Reunion	3,062.49
2016 Reunion	2,591.86
2017 Reunion	4,406.78
2018 Reunion	70.39
2019 Reunion	-2,392.83
Veterans Travel Fund	5,875.00
TOTAL	\$55,337.49

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Cooper, Treasurer



Battle of the Huertgen Forest 4th Annual Tour

October 3rd to 7th, 2018

By Terry Barnhart



Tour Inspection of the Siegfried Line or "Westwall" on German border during the 2018 Huertgen Forest battle tour.

In October, I had the privilege to attend the Fourth Annual Tour of the Huertgen Forest sponsored by Albert Trostorf. Albert heads a group called "Sons, Daughters and Grandchildren of Americans and German Veterans of the Huertgen Forest" in Europe. Approximately 45 to 50 people were in attendance during the five-day early October event including several members of our Association and few others with ties to the 9th Infantry Division who are not presently members of the Association. Including myself, WWII veteran Jack Dauner and his new wife Natalie, and Mary Lovell, daughter of Frank Lovell, were there plus new member Harry Stumpf, Jill Mott with son, Rafike, and her father who were related to the 9th I.D. veterans. German WWII veteran, Rudy Guerin, and others from several European countries plus others representing relatives from the 28th Division and 4th Division were in attendance.

We had several presenters by various American and European WWII researchers on the Huertgen Forest battles along with related topics about prisoners of war, continued efforts to identify missing in action remains and displaced person camps in the Deuren area. All presentations were presented in either German or English, then translated into the other language. Lt. Col. Mario Kramer from the German Army served as our interpreter.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday there were scheduled bus trips along the German border with Belgium, Luxembourg and

Netherlands. One of the highlights was seeing the Siegfried Wall or "Westwall" and its dramatic "dragon's teeth". With information provided by our tour guide, my engineering friend and travel companion from college days calculated that the German builders used enough concrete on the grade beams and dragon's teeth to build approximately 26,400 single family houses when the 350 mile long by 100 foot wide "Westwall" was built between 1938-1939.

Our group visited several museums and historic sites at Vosse-nack, Zweifall, Bickerath in Germany; Museum of the Battle of the Bulge in Luxembourg; Fortress of Eben Emael, Belgium; and Maastricht in the Netherlands. Our final stops were at a displaced persons/slave labor cemetery with a short memorial service and a visit and tour of the Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten.

I found the five days to be very worthwhile and interesting and would recommend others consider attending the Fifth Annual Huertgen Forest Tour scheduled for October 4-7, 2019. The accommodations were very comfortable and reasonably priced and the food was excellent. We stayed at Hotel Rotes Einhorn (The Red Unicorn) in Dueren, but other nearby hotels are also available.

Contact Albert Trostorf for more information at [REDACTED].



Post Story of the Avenging Ghosts

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The following article was published in the February, 1947 issue of The Octofoil.

Nobody ever knew where they were or what they were doing, but these veteran infantrymen always popped out of the night to surprise their own commanders...as well as surprising the Krauts.

For 30 months an American mystery division fought from Morocco to the Elbe in fire-streaked darkness, always unhonored and unsung—until the top brass counted results and totaled casualties. It left its dead strewn from the black kasba of Port Lyautey to the bewitched forests of the Harz Mountains. Only three or four times did its riflemen, wearing on their left shoulders the mystic blue, red and white octofoil of medieval heraldry, walk briefly with fixed bayonets across moonlit rifts.

From Maknassy to Remagen the 9th Infantry Division emerged from the invisible in hours of crisis, struck four or five of the hardest blows suffered by the Axis in the west, and vanished again into obscurity. The 9th swooped across North African mountains in blinding snow to save the day at Ed Guettar. It captured Bizerte. It flanked the German army in Sicily. It pushed the first holding force into Cherbourg and thus established the first firm American foothold in Normandy. It poured through and held the first break in the Siegfried Line. It rose like an avenging spirit in swirling snow to blunt the first spearhead of The Bulge. It established the first American beachhead east of the Rhine.

Always the ghostly Ninth materialized out of darkness in time of need and performed far beyond the expectations of the armies of which it formed a part. Its losses were heavy—between 300 and 400 percent in the course of the war. Nearly 50,000 men wore its shoulder patch. But it was always the role of the Ninth to be the hole ace in the poker game of war. One advantage the Ninth enjoyed—integrity of leadership—General Manton S. Eddy, of Columbus, Georgia, from the first landing in North Africa until it reached the Belgian border. Its chief units were the 47th, 39th and 60th infantry regiments, all Old Army organizations with proud histories. The 60th made a fighting landing to capture the walled Arab quarter of Port Lyautey in a short, murderous battle—one of the first fought by Americans on the soil of Africa.

Within three months came the first of its avenging exploits. Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps broke through the Americans at Kasserine Pass. Prospects for stopping the three-pronged drive were dim—the situation was frankly desperate. The most serious American deficiency was in artillery. The Ninth was bivouacked at Tiemcen, in Algeria, nearly 800 miles away. All its artillery and the cannon companies of its infantry regiments were ordered to the battle front in Southern Tunisia.

There followed one of the outstanding heavy-gun movements in history. The great convoy—411 vehicles and 2,170 soldiers of all ranks—left Tiemcen in a blinding sleet storm of a late February afternoon. Through snow and mud, and over narrow mountain roads often covered with ice, it moved 777 miles in 84 hours. There was no halt, except for 15-minute stops for refueling. As the convoy, commanded by Brig. Gen. S. LeRoy Irwin, approached the American headquarters in Tebessa, it found the one road jammed with ambulances and service vehicles streaming toward the rear. This was essentially a routed army. Vehicles loaded with soldiers warned, "You are too late. Rommel is moving forward and we haven't got a chance."

The clogged road was a river of mud. Heavy guns slipped over banks and rolled down the mountainsides. One battery commander lost every gun in this way. But the surviving guns went

into position and plastered the Germans with a completely unexpected torrent of howitzer and mortar fire. General Irwin brought to a cold stop the most dangerous prong of Rommel's three-pronged drive.

The Ninth then shifted northward to Sedjenane Valley. Attached to it were two regiments of Goums—fierce-faced, brown-turbaned Moroccan highlanders. They went into battle wearing black-and-white-striped, goat-wool robes. Between their teeth they carried long, sharp curved knives. They were pre-eminently throat cutters. Silent as cats, they crawled through thistle-filled gaps among the speckled rocks in the eerie blackness of desert nights when hyenas were howling. Then they would fall on enemy outposts, leave behind them a dozen throat-slashed corpses, and depart as silently as they came. The tactics of the Goums added immensely to the aura of mystery which enveloped the Ninth as its regiments seemed to materialize out of darkness and vanish into darkness again.

General Matt Eddy was engaged in moving the division along a 28-mile front through extremely difficult mountain country, with the object of outflanking the Germans and cutting them off on the north and northeast—that is, getting between them and the sea. There were no roads. The maneuver was hampered by almost complete lack of communication. Success required that an entire division be moved around the flank of a hostile army without detection. Complete silence, invisibility and Goum operations on sentries were essential. Eddy was completely successful. The campaign was over when the 60th Infantry marched into Bizerte of the afternoon of May 7.

The scene shifted to Sicily. There the wearers of the octofoil arrived in time for the 39th Infantry to take the desperately held mountain city of Troina, the key to Messina. But history will record the "march of the 4,000 silent men"—Colonel Frederick de Rohan's 60th Infantry—as probably the most colorful episode of the Sicilian campaign.

For nearly 100 hours the regiment moved over mountain slopes thick with thorn bushes and across stony mountain tops capped with thin clouds in what essentially was absolute silence. It was a masterly tactical move to cut the one road supplying the city of Randazzo from the northeast. The movement required that 4,000 men with all essential supplies and equipment slide through inhabited mountain country without being seen or heard. The march covered approximately 40 miles. Where short roads were marked on the map, it was necessary to avoid them. About the closest approach to roads which could be followed at any time were goat tracks.

Only a minimum of equipment was carried—one blanket and a few rations by each man. Nights were bitterly cold in the high ravines and among the clouds. All progress was at night. A brilliant full moon made concealment much more difficult. At one time, Colonel Rohan recounts whimsically, the whole strange line was led most appropriately by a "ghost", a role filled by Captain W. H. Barnwell, of Burlington, North Carolina. The night was very cold. Barnwell preceded the leading company by a few yards, an olive-drab blanket draped over his head. Clouds gave the blanket an ectoplasmic appearance. The captain took slow, measured steps, so as not to knock loose a stone. The idea that the line was led by a supernatural figure seems to have come simultaneously to everybody.

(continued in the next issue of The Octofoil)

THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Name

The name of the corporation is The Ninth Infantry Division Association.

Section 2. Resident Agent of the Corporation

The Ninth Infantry Division Association is registered as a corporation under the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The resident agent of the Corporation is to be a resident of the State of Rhode Island. The principle office of the Corporation can also be at such place as the Board of Governors shall designate without further amending these Bylaws.

Section 3. Emblem

The Association shall be the sole authority for establishing the official emblem of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and for controlling the issuance, manufacture and distribution of such emblems and insignias.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code hereafter in effect. In furtherance of such purposes, the activities of the corporation may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. To perpetuate the memory and history of The Ninth Infantry Division and its veterans;
2. To preserve the *esprit de corps* of the Division;
3. To assist in promoting everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities;
4. To serve as an information resource about The Ninth Infantry Division.

The corporation shall be operated exclusively for such purposes. No part of the corporation's net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of its activities shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and it shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The assets and properties of the corporation are hereby pledged for use in performing its exempt functions.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for Membership

Application for membership shall be open to any Ninth Infantry Division World War II or Vietnam War veterans who served in combat or in peace time; veteran widows, spouses, and lineal descendants of those who served in The Ninth Infantry Division; and any other party interested in the history or the values of The Ninth Infantry Division.

Membership is granted to eligible applicants after completion and receipt of a membership application and annual dues.

Membership is contingent upon being up-to-date on membership dues. Membership runs from July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year.

Section 2. Rights of Members

Each member in good standing and present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. Included in membership shall also be a subscription to *The Octofoil*.



ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meetings

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing the Board of Governors, receiving reports on the activities of the association, determining the direction of the Association for the coming year and transacting any other lawful business. The specific date, time and location of the Annual Meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Governors.

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the membership various functions may be held as distinct from the business sessions of the Association. Such functions are to be known collectively as the Annual Reunion. The Board of Governors shall name a person (s) to be General Chairman for the next reunion.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members, for any purposes, unless prohibited by statute, may be called by the President, the Executive Committee, or a simple majority of the Board of Governors. A petition signed by five percent (5%) of voting members may also call a special meeting.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings

Notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member, by mail or email, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum

A quorum for the Annual Business meeting of the members shall consist of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the members registered at the Annual Meeting and will constitute a quorum for the duration of the Annual Reunion. This twenty-five percent (25%) quorum shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the members for the transaction of business except as otherwise provided by law, by the certificate of incorporation, or these Bylaws.

If this 25% number shall not be present at any meeting of the Association, the members present in person shall have the power to adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice, other than the announcement at the meeting, until the requisite number of members shall be present. At such adjourned meeting at which the requisite number of members shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified. All elections and all questions shall be decided by plurality vote.

Section 5. Voting

All issues to be voted on including elections shall be decided by a simple majority of those present at the meeting in which the vote takes place.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Section 1. General Powers

The Board of Governors shall be responsible for the management of the affairs of the Association with full power to perform all lawful actions to carry out the purposes of the Association, but may not perform any actions which by statute, or by certificate of incorporation or by these Bylaws are directed or required to be performed by the members.

Section 2. Election of Board of Governors

The Nominating Committee shall submit prior to the Annual Membership Meeting the names of those persons for the Board of Governors. Nominations shall also be received from the floor after the report of the Nominating Committee. The election shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the members. Those Governors elected shall serve a term of three (3) years, commencing at the next meeting following the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. Number, Tenure, Requirements, and Qualifications

The number of Governors shall consist of no less than seven (7) nor more than fifteen (15) including the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The members of the Board of Governors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. All members of the Board of Governors must be elected by a majority vote of the Association members present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

Each member of the Board of Governors shall be a member of the Association whose membership dues are paid in full and shall hold office for a three-year term as submitted by the Nominations committee.

Members of the Board of Governors may serve two (2) additional three-year terms. The terms of the Board of Governors shall be staggered so that at the time of each annual meeting, the terms of approximately one-third (1/3) of all members of the Board of Governors shall expire.

Past Presidents of the Association and past members of the Board of Governors may be appointed by the Board as Advisors to the Board. Advisors to the Board may attend Board meetings and may take part in the discussions but may not vote. An Advisor position on the Board shall not prevent the future election of such Advisors as a regular member of the Board.

Section 4. Annual Meetings

The Board of Governors shall hold an Annual Meeting. The Board of Governors may provide by resolution the time and place for the holding of regular meetings of the Board. Notice of these meetings shall be sent to all members of the Board of Governors no less than ten (10) days, prior to the meeting date by mail or email. The Board of Governors may hold their meetings and keep the books of the Association outside of the State of Rhode Island at such other places as they may from time to time determine.

Section 5. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Governors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two members of the Board of Governors. These meetings shall be held in person or by telephone. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board of Governors may fix any location, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them.

Section 6. Notice

Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Governors shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting by telephone, facsimile or electronic methods or by written notice. Any Governor may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Governor at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Governor attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular meeting of the Board of Governors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these Bylaws.

Section 7. Quorum

The presence, in person of a majority of current members of the Board of Governors shall be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number shall have power to adjourn to a specified later date without notice. The act of a majority of the members of the Board of Governors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Governors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these Bylaws.

Section 8. Forfeiture

Any member of the Board of Governors who fails to fulfill any of his or her requirements as set forth in Section 3 of this Article by June 30th shall automatically forfeit his or her seat on the Board. The Secretary shall notify the Governor in writing that his or her seat has been declared vacant, and the Board of Governors may forthwith immediately proceed to fill the vacancy. Members of the Board of Governors who are removed for failure to meet any or all of the requirements of Section 3 of this Article are not entitled to vote at the Annual meeting and are not entitled to the procedure outlined in Section 13 of this Article in these Bylaws.

Section 9. Vacancies

A member of the Board of Governors who can no longer serve out their term shall send a letter or email to the President of the Board of Governors informing the President that they can no longer serve their term.

Whenever any vacancy occurs in the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee for whatever reason, it shall be filled without undue delay by a majority vote by mail or email of the remaining members of the Board of Governors. The person so elected shall hold membership on the Board of Governors for the unexpired term in respect to which such vacancy occurred.

Section 10. Compensation

Members of the Board of Governors shall not receive any compensation for their services as Governors.

Section 11. Informal Action by Directors

Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Governors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of Governors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by two-thirds (2/3) of all of the Governors following notice of the intended action to all members of the Board of Governors.

Section 12. Parliamentary Procedure

Any question concerning parliamentary procedure at meetings shall be determined by the Parliamentarian by reference to Robert's Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian is appointed by the President.

Section 13. Removal

Any member of the Board of Governors may be removed with or without cause, at any time, by vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the



ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of this Board of Governors shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers must have the status of active members of the Association.

Section 1. President

The President duties:

Shall preside at all meetings of the members, the Board of Governors, and the Executive Committee.

Shall assist in the formation of all policies of the Association.

Shall have general and active management of the business of the Board.

Shall meet and confer with all other associations and agencies with a view to accomplishing the purpose for which this Association is formed.

Shall have general superintendence and direction of all other officers of this corporation and see that their duties are properly performed.

Shall submit a report of the operations of the Association for the fiscal year to the members at their annual meetings, and from time to time, shall report to the Board all matters that may affect this Association.

Shall be Ex-officio member of all standing committees

Shall have the power and duties usually vested in the office of the President as well as additional powers and duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Governors.

Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President during the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall rotate into the Presidency when the term of the President expires.

The Vice-Presidents duties:

Shall learn the responsibilities and duties of the President.

Shall have the duty of chairing their perspective committees.

Shall perform such other duties as may be determined, from time to time, by the Board of Governors or the President.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Governors and of the Executive Committee, and all meetings of members, and will act as a clerk thereof.

The Secretary's duties:

Shall record all votes and minutes of the meetings of the Board of Governors, and the Annual meetings of the members. In concert with the President shall make the arrangements for all meetings of the Board and the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Exception: In the case where there is an Annual Reunion Chairperson or Committee, the President upon coordination with the Secretary, may assign the duties for the Annual Meeting to someone other than the Secretary.

Shall send notices of all meetings to the members of the Board of Governors and shall take reservations for the meetings.

Shall perform all official correspondence from the Board of Governors as may be prescribed by the Board or the President.

Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board or the President.

Section 4. Treasurer

The fiscal year shall be the July 1- June 30.

The Treasurer's duties:

Shall perform all of the financial and fiscal duties necessary to carry out the fiscal purposes and policies set forth by the Association.

Shall submit a complete and accurate report of the finances to each annual meeting of the Association, a statement of records showing income, expenditures, and pending income, and shall likewise submit a similar statement to the Board of Governors at each of their meetings and whenever called for by the Board of Governors.

Shall have charge of the books and accounts of the Association and shall enter thereon all receipts and disbursements. These books shall be kept current at all times and open to inspection at any time by any member of the Board of Governors. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Association and shall have the authority to make disbursements therefrom, subject to any pre-mentioned or legal restrictions.

Shall deposit in a designated bank as approved by the Board of Governors all monies of the Association.

All checks or demands for funds and notes of the Association shall be signed by the Treasurer or the President. Appropriate signature records shall be submitted to the Corporate bank whenever there is a change in either of these officer positions.

All records of deposit and checks shall be reviewed by an outside accounting firm.

Shall assist in direct audits of the funds of the Association according to funding source guidelines and generally accepted accounting principles. The Treasurer shall submit all accounting records, check books, and any other financial records to an authorized Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for a required annual audit of the financial records of the Association. The CPA will be selected and authorized by the Board of Governors. The results of this audit will be ~~send~~ sent to the Treasurer who shall forward the results to the editor for publication in *The Octofoil*.

Shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors or the President.

Section 5. Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee shall submit prior to the Annual meeting of the Board of Governors the names of those persons for the respective offices of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations shall also be received from the Board members after the report of the Nominating Committee. The election shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.

Officers shall be eligible to succeed themselves in their respective offices.

Section 6. Removal of Officer

The Board of Governors with the concurrence of 3/4 of the members voting at the meeting may remove any officer of the Board of Governors and elect a successor for the unexpired term. No officer of the Board of Governors shall be expelled without an opportunity to be heard and notice of such motion of expulsion shall be given to the member in writing twenty (20) days prior to the meeting at which motion shall be presented, setting forth the reasons of the Board for such expulsion.

Section 7. Vacancies

Whenever any Officer vacancy occurs, it shall be filled without undue delay by a majority vote by mail or email of the Board of Governors.

The persons so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee

The four (4) officers serve as the members of the Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall have all the powers and authority of the Board of Governors in the intervals between meetings of the Board of Governors, and is subject to the direction and control of the full Board.

Section 2. Committee Formation

The Board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, public relations, etc. The Board President appoints all committee chairs.

Section 3. Membership Committee

The chair of the Membership Committee shall be appointed by the President.

The duties of the Membership Chair:



Shall collect the membership dues from every member of the Association

Shall be responsible for issuing membership cards according to the design and style decided upon by the Board of Governors.

Section 4. Newsletter Committee

This committee is chaired or co-chaired by the newsletter editor(s), who is appointed by the President. The term of office shall have no limit as long as the editor is available to prepare the document for timely publication.

Membership in the Association includes a subscription to *The Octofoil*, the official newsletter of The Ninth Infantry Division Association. The subscription year is July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year.

Section 5. Annual Meeting Committee

The Chair of the Annual Meeting Committee shall be appointed by the President.

The Annual Meeting Committee's duties:

Shall chose the hotel location, plan meals and schedule events, arrange entertainment, transportation and press coverage for the Annual Meeting.

Shall obtain sponsors within the Association and from the city where the meeting will be held.

Shall assist in organizing the Memorial Service.

Section 6. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President.

The Nominating Committee's duties:

Shall submit prior to the Annual Meeting the names of those persons for the respective offices of the Board of Governors.

Shall submit prior to the Board of Governors Annual Meeting a slate of officers from within the Board of Governors members.

Shall be responsible for nominating persons to fill vacancies on the Board of Governors which occur between Annual Meetings, including those of officers.

ARTICLE VIII. INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. General

To the full extent authorized under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Association shall indemnify any director, officer, employee, or agent, or former member, director, officer, employee, or agent of the Association, or any person who may have served at the Association's request as a director or officer of another Association (each of the foregoing members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and persons is referred to in this Article individually as an "indemnitee"), against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by such indemnitee in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which that indemnitee is made a party by reason of being or having been such member, director, officer, employee, or agent, except in relation to matters as to which that indemnitee shall have been adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of a duty. The foregoing indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which an indemnitee may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, resolution of the Board of Governors, or otherwise.

Section 2. Expenses

Expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding, if authorized by the Board of Governors, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder.

Section 3. Insurance

The Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a member, director, officer, or agent against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the Association would have the power or obligation to indemnify such person against such liability under this Article.

ARTICLE IX. BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Association shall keep complete books and records of account and minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Governors and the Annual Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Articles of Incorporation

The Articles may be amended in any manner at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Governors, provided that specific written notice of the proposed amendment of the Articles setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Director by facsimile, or by e-mail or at least thirty (30) days if delivered by mail.

Section 2. Bylaws

The Voting Members of the Association may amend or repeal these Bylaws by majority vote at any regular or special meeting. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each member not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.

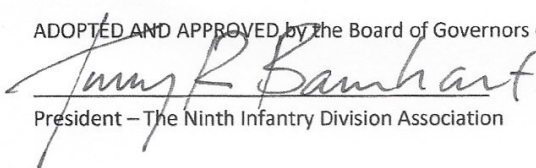
ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, by lapse of time or otherwise, when it has, or is entitled to, any interest in any funds or property of any kind, real, personal or mixed, such funds or property or rights thereto shall not be transferred to private ownership, but the Board of Governors, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, shall transfer and set over such property unto an organization which is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding provisions hereafter in effect, and which is engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the corporation carried out in furtherance of the purposes specified in these Articles of Incorporation, and, if none be then in existence, then such funds or property or rights thereto shall be transferred and set over in such manner and to such organization (or organizations) which shall at such time of dissolution qualify as an organization (or organizations) exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(a) of the Code, or corresponding provisions hereafter in effect, as an organization (or organizations) described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding provisions hereafter in effect, as the Board of Governors in its sole discretion shall determine.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, are all of the initial Board of Governors or incorporators of this Association, and we consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of the nine (9) preceding pages, as the Bylaws of this Association.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Governors on this 1 day of AUG, 2018


President – The Ninth Infantry Division Association


ATTEST: Treasurer - The Ninth Infantry Division Association

**Officers and Board of Governors
2018-2019**

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Mary Cooper, Treasurer
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**The Ninth Infantry Division Association
Membership Application**

July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

9-DIGIT ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

**Regular Annual Membership Fee Includes
The Octofoil Newsletter**

Amount Paid

Regular Annual Member (\$35.00 per year) _____

(9th Infantry Division WWII Veterans and 9th Infantry Division Vietnam War Veterans serving in combat or peace time, Widows, Spouses, Lineal Descendants, and any other party interested in the history or the values of The Ninth Infantry Division)

Lifetime Member (\$20.00 per year for *The Octofoil*) _____

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Veteran Date of Birth _____
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